

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:  
Thomas Schmidt

Confirmation Number: 1170

Application No.: 10/026,578

Group Art Unit: 1652

Filed: December 17, 2001

Examiner: Hope A. Robinson

Title: SEQUENTIALLY ARRANGED STREPTAVIDIN-BINDING MODULES AS  
AFFINITY TAGS

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2009 (hereinafter "the Office Action"), the time for responding extended to February 10, 2010 by the accompanying fee and petition, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks.

A listing of the claims begins at page **2**.

Remarks begin at page **8**.

***Petition for Extension of Time:***

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time to extend the period for reply to February 10, 2010. The requisite fee accompanies this petition and response.

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